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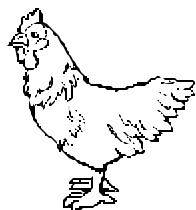
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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices for next weeks trading was unchanged to lower. Trade sentiment ranged about steady to at times weak, but overall was mostly steady. Retail demand entering the weekend had increased in some areas, particularly where features were active, but was still mostly fair. Food service was moderate to good, best into fast food for promotions. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate and often discounted. In the parts structure, trading was limited with regular commitments usually sufficient. Supplies of all items were at least adequate or available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.

**Preliminary report** of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 02/11/02-02/16/02 (cents per lb)

### US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	45.00-48.00	44.00-65.50	47.39	22
Los Angeles	68.00			
New York	46.00-48.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	60.00-63.00	47.00-64.00	61.98	79

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 63.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

### PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
657	58.20-65.25	62.81

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	182.50	1,276
BREASTS - B/S	124.50	3,835
BREASTS - WHOLE	60.00	1,026
THIGH MEAT - B/S	84.50	755
LEG QUARTERS	27.50	6,922
WINGS	86.50	2,840

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**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were unchanged from Monday's final. Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was steady, undertone weak. Offerings of additional product were plentiful on heavy weight Wogs and limited on lighter weight Wogs and whole birds. Retail movement was very slow for the most part, instances fair to fairly good where limited features were active. Food service movement was mostly light to fair, occasionally good and best where fast food promotions were present. Floor stocks were hand to mouth with buyers cautious and cutting back on next week's regular commitments. Weights were in a desirable range. Trading on parts items was light with wings sharply discounted to help clear. Supplies of all items were at least adequate with wings, leg quarters and boneless/skinless breasts in the longest position. The market tone was steady on tenderloins and whole breasts, cautiously steady to weak on all other items.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand entering the weekend was fair at best, slightly better for food service, but still lacking much interest. Supplies of all sizes were still easily obtainable if needed and possibly at lower levels. In the parts structure, trading was limited. Dark meat was in balance and moving well. The remaining items were at least adequate or available with light movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The market tone was mainly steady with most trading for next week at unchanged prices. Offerings in better balance but easily adequate. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Floor stocks adequate. Parts steady except wings. Ads this week: Southern California- wholebody fryer 59-109, cutup 98, boneless breast 177-399, boneless leg meat 138, breast 97-169, leg 99, leg quarter 39, drum and/or thigh 67-199, wholebody duck 149, chicken corn dog 3# 499; Northern California-wholebody fryer 69, cutup 129, boneless breast 199, buy 1 get 1 free, boneless thigh 199, thigh and/or drum 99, roasting chicken 129, wholebody duck 149; Arizona- wholebody fryer 49-109, buy one get one free, cutup 69, boneless breast 179-349, breast 88, thigh or drum 99-119, wholebody duck 169; Colorado-wholebody fryer 89-99, boneless breast 349, buy 1 get 1 free.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers increased slightly entering the weekend, but was noted as lackluster overall. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate for current needs and often attractively priced to stimulate movement. Retail and distributive draw was limited. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate. Wings were ample. Legs were adequate and leg quarters were more than sufficient for immediate needs.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased slightly in spots entering the weekend, but for the most part remained seasonally light and unaggressive. Seller offerings were more than sufficient for current trade needs. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 52 to 66 cents. Trade sentiment remained weak. In the parts complex, again all items were rated at least adequate.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

		BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE		46-67
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		54.82
NO. OF BOXES		11,092
CUMULATIVE	02/04/02-02/08/02	54.28
	02/05/01-02/09/01	54.97
NO. OF BOXES	02/04/02-02/08/02	51,191
	02/05/01-02/09/01	44,899

\*8 of 8 plants reporting.

FEB 07

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

FEB 08

ITEM	POUNDS				POUNDS				WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,173	102.00-175.00	115-120	123.15	852	102.00-175.00	110-120	117.27	4,448	118.79
TENDERLOINS	112	110.00-190.00	110-115	131.43	138	110.00-190.00	110-115	127.39	721	126.29
BREAST - LINE RUN	72	59.00-63.00	59-60	59.56	78	61.00-65.00	61-62	61.47	471	60.33
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				390	60.12
LEGS	88	36.00-46.00	36-38	36.91	89	36.00-46.00	36-38	37.01	441	36.93
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	406	23.00-27.00	23-24	23.65	401	22.50-27.00	23-24	23.36	2,105	23.54
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,335	25.00-29.00	26-27	26.96	850	25.00-29.00	26-27	26.45	5,859	26.61
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	71.00-90.00	-	87.14	296	70.00-90.00	84-87	86.40	1,654	86.01
WINGS (CUT)	460	89.00-101.00	90-92	92.96	392	88.00-99.00	90-95	92.86	2,088	93.71
DRUMSTICKS	67	46.00-49.50	-	49.13	69	46.00-49.50	-	46.46	337	47.40
THIGHS	27	46.00-50.50	-	49.33	27	46.00-50.50	-	47.17	135	47.60
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				170	84.53

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS\*\*\*\*\*  
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TRADING FOR FEB 07, 2002 F.O.B. DOCK.

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**TODAY'S**  
**RANGE**  
41.00 - 44.50

**TODAY'S**  
**AVERAGE**  
42.13

**TODAY'S**  
**RANGE**  
40.25 - 44.50

**TODAY'S**  
**AVERAGE**  
41.68

**5-DAY**  
**AVERAGE**  
41.84

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity increased slightly entering the weekend, but overall demand was noted as below normal end of the week interest. Offerings of breast items were available. Dark meat cuts were at least sufficient. Wings remained readily available with spot discounting continuing to be noted where product was in excess. Movement through retail and distributive channels was limited. The market tone was barely steady to weak on wings, cautiously steady on breast items, and no better than steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED B/F PARTS, DLIVRD TO 1ST RCVRS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER LB.

FEB 07 ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD AVG**	CURRENT NEG			WTD AVG**	FEB 08 WEEKLY	
	TRADING*		VOL/LBS		TRADING*		VOL/LBS		WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	110-115	115.38	450,480		110-115	115.73	310,800	116.41	1,834,710	
TENDERLOINS	100	105.16	102,040		100	108.79	100,840	105.02	402,290	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	55-56	61.94	203,160		55-56	61.64	248,520	62.80	1,054,360	
BREAST - LINE RUN	55	57.04	165,000		55	56.22	212,400	57.00	901,720	
LEGS	38-39	42.70	116,680		38-39	41.39	135,320	41.05	709,520	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	24-25	24.84	464,494		24-25	25.39	445,499	25.06	2,519,930	
DRUMSTICKS	38-39	41.10	92,480		38-39	40.33	134,290	40.21	614,960	
THIGHS	28-29	33.50	114,760		28-29	36.48	87,670	35.83	480,620	
B/S THIGHS	85-86	83.74	67,920		85-86	82.20	63,840	83.68	322,770	
WINGS (WHOLE)	77-78	86.55	297,040		76-77	87.09	223,680	85.46	1,552,400	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.48	27,520		10-12	12.15	33,080	12.37	167,360	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30	18.70	14,280		25-30	21.81	11,350	22.74	76,900	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	45.54	26,000		40-45	41.95	27,680	48.15	145,910	

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). \* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG		AVG	
	02/08	02/07	02/06	02/05	WTS	02/06	02/05	WTS
ALA	3,980	4,061	3,380	3,982	5.03	5.00	3,918	5.07
ARK	5,231	5,103	4,566	5,339	4.96	4.90	5,049	4.97
DELMARVA	2,301	2,353	2,356	2,257	5.12	5.14	2,312	5.15
KY-LA-TN	1,986	2,200	1,955	1,914	4.56	4.59	2,253	4.54
MISS	2,793	2,732	2,794	2,742	5.25	5.18	2,761	5.22
NC	2,600	2,594	2,570	2,606	5.94	6.02	3,035	5.96
TEXAS	2,384	2,331	2,364	2,411	4.98	4.96	2,319	4.86
TOTAL	21,275	21,374	19,985	21,251	5.12	5.10	21,647	5.11
MON-FRI106,476(A)							105,413(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 08-Feb 02 and 09-Feb-02 is estimated to be 31,830,000 down 2.01 percent from a week ago and up 6.1 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,483,000; last year 30,000,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 09-Feb-02 is estimated to be 153,094,000 head down 0.6 percent from a week ago, and unchanged percent from a year ago (Last week 153,992,000 Last year 152,518,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY,  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
(L.A. AREA)**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	86-88
ROASTERS 4# & UP	85-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 93-94
	DRY PACK 95-102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK 113
	ICE PACK 104-113
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK -
	ICE PACK 94-98
DUCKS	152-166

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED** Under federal inspection, classified by live wt., week ending January 26, 2001 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning  
Food service  
4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up

	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	27,55424,621	43,088	
Avg Weight	3.764.77	6.11	
% of total /1	29%26%	45%	
COMPARISONS			
Last week	36,41325,982	47,517	
Avg Weight	3.814.74	6.26	
% of total /1	33%24%	43%	
Same week, yr ago /2	33,54629,735	40,050	
Avg Weight	3.764.85	5.97	
% of total /1	32%29%	39%	
To date/2002	115,78087,854	177,157	
To date/2001	131,201105,072	179,171	

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

#### **LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

WEEK ENDING 02-Feb-2002 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	153,992(A)	2,032	1,325	3,357	411
AVG WT	5.22	3.51	7.82	5.21	7.27
LAST WEEK	156,221	1,784	1,232	3,016	454
SAME WK YR AGO	149,857	1,942	1,305	3,247	472
AVG WT	4.89	3.36	7.57	5.05	6.69
TO-DATE/2002	746,636	9,107	6,404	15,511	2,209
TO-DATE/2001	740,594	9,093	6,051	15,144	2,387

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 155.9 million head or 1.5 million head less than or 99 percent of estimated fryers available.

#### **EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: FEB 05, 2002**

\*\*\*AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL POULTRY\*\*\*

	RANGE		RANGE	
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.50 - 1.64	Silkie	-	ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.40 - 1.54	Geese 9-14	-	
Pekin Ducks	-	Pigeons	2.60 - 3.10	ea.
Red Fowl 4-4.5	.30 - .62	White Pigeons	3.50 - 3.85	ea.
Red Fowl 5-6	.70 - 1.10	Rabbits 4-6	1.20 - 2.00	
Crossbred Fowl 5-9	.70 - 1.10	Rabbits 7-11	1.20 - 1.38	
Crossbred Roosters 4-6	.70 - 1.20	Bunnies	2.00 - 6.50	ea.
Crossbred Roosters 7-11	.60 - 1.24	Guinea Pigs	1.00 - 4.00	ea.
Guinea Fowl	.85 - 1.60	Goats	-	ea.
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 6.00	Kid Goats	25.00 - 32.00	ea.
Banty Hens	2.50 - 3.50	Doves	5.00 - 7.00	ea.
Leghorn Hens	-			
Leghorn Roosters	.32 - .44	Total Coops Sold	310	

#### **EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 04-FEB-2001

**DUCKLINGS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND MOSTLY	137	143

MIDWEST MOSTLY	122-126	123-127
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**ROASTERS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	60-65	63-65
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65-85	67-73

**SQUABS:** NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

**CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment steady to instances fully steady. Demand was moderate to mostly good. Slaughter schedules were full-time. Sizes were in the desirable range. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$5.00-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.38, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.50-.75, livers at \$.50-1.50, and feet at \$.90-1.15.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 04-FEB-2001

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS MOSTLY	116-124	125

#### **ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO**

#### **ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
DECEMBER 29	116.7	141.6	82	5.23
JANUARY 5	119.7	144.2	83	5.20
12	161.5	150.6	107	5.10
19	160.5	155.0	104	5.24
26	158.1	155.7	102	5.16
FEBRUARY 2	155.9	157.4	99	5.22
YEAR TO DATE	755.7	762.9	99	
FEBRUARY 9		157.2		
16		155.9		

#### **BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	02/09/02	02/02/02	% CHG	01/27/01	% CHG
Broilers	153,094	153,992*	-01	152,518*	0
Cattle	633	650	-03	618*	+02
Hogs	1,843	1,853	-01	1,797*	+03

Under Federal Inspection

\* ACTUAL

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL** Majority prices were unchanged to slightly lower on both light and heavy canners when compared to a week earlier. Trading was seasonal and fair for the mostly light to fair demand. Offerings were sufficient for trade needs. The undertone cautiously steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b> <b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b> <b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
23.5-25.5 MAJORITY	31.75-38 MAJORITY 32-33

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

<b>LIGHT CANNER HENS</b> <b>(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)</b>	<b>HEAVY CANNER HENS</b> <b>(WITHOUT NECKS)</b>
25.5-28.5 MAJORITY 25.5-27	33-38.5 MAJORITY 34.75-35.25

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged. Demand was fair for the at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal. Canners movement was fair and clearing. The undertone was steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for about adequate offerings. Processing schedules were about normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices unchanged. Offerings fully adequate to mostly ample as demand for spent hens remains light. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plants schedules full. Offerings ample.

#### **LIVE HENS**

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<b><u>HEAVY</u></b>	<b><u>RANGE</u></b>	<b><u>MAJORITY</u></b>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
<b><u>LIGHT</u></b>	<b><u>RANGE</u></b>	<b><u>MAJORITY</u></b>
Eastern Light	0-0	(1)
Eastern Light	0-0	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central Light	0	(2)

(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Sales were too few to report prices. Offerings were adequate for immediate needs. Demand was mostly fair. Processing schedules were about normal. The undertone was steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for about adequate to adequate offerings. Processing schedules were about normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

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